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Back by Popular Demand: Quarterly Billing

The days are numbered for your *monthly* utility bill. Soon you will receive one bill every three months as the City of North Miami rolls back to quarterly billing starting October 1, 2005. All utility customers will begin receiving bills on a quarterly basis* during the phase-in period from October through December. Many residents have asked the City of North Miami to return to quarterly billing since the bills began a monthly cycle in 2003.

Here is what will happen:

In **October**, only one third of all utility customers will have their meter read. Those customers will receive their first "quarterly" bill which will include one month of water consumption and three months of sanitation, recycling and stormwater utility charges. Those same customers will receive a bill again in January for the months of November, December and January.

In **November**, the next section of utility customers will have their meter read and will be billed for their consumption for the months of October and November, again the bill will also contain the standard fees for three months of sanitation, recycling and stormwater utility. Their next quarterly bill will be in February for the months of December, January and February.

In **December**, the final sections of utility customers will have their meter read. These customers will receive their first complete quarterly bill at that time, covering their water usage from October through December. The bill will also contain the standard fees for three months of sanitation, recycling and stormwater utility. Their next bill would be issued in March, for the months of January, February and March, and so on.

The quarterly bill will not change format. You will still receive the new enveloped bill that contains all of your account information. The bill will contain a constant fee for three months of sanitation, recycling and stormwater utility charges and a variable fee for water/sewer, which is based on your consumption (or use) of water.

* *with some special exceptions*

Back to School, Already?



If the early start of the school year caught you by surprise, the Parks and Recreation Department wants you to know that there are a number of after school opportunities for children and teens in North Miami.

Here is a sampling of what your child can do after school:

- **Sunkist Grove After School Program**, featuring The Russell Life Skills and Reading Foundation tutoring program. Sunkist Grove Community Center, 12500 NW 13 AVE. This program operates Monday – Friday, 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Participants (grades K – 5) enjoy homework and FCAT tutoring Monday – Thursday, special group activities and supervised outdoor play. Nominal fee to participation. Space is limited - Call for registration information.
- **North Miami Community Center Membership** – 13130 NE 8 AVE. Children and teens can take part in various activities from tutoring, game room and computer room, by paying the yearly membership fee.
- **Teens In Action** – If your teen wants to earn community service hours necessary to graduate high school, then the Teens In Action program is a great start. Meetings are held regularly at the North Miami Community Center. Inquire at the front desk, or by calling 305-892-3020.

For additional information on fall programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, call 305-893-6511, ext. 2260 or log on to www.northmiamifl.gov/community/parks_recreation



L-R: Councilman Michael Blynn, Paul Price, Rafael Pedron, Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril, Andrew Miller, Manessa Lazare, Francisco Martinez, Godyana Fortilus, Ricardo Dume, Mayor Kevin A. Burns, Councilman Scott Galvin, and Councilman Jacques Despinosse.

The City of North Miami awarded the **Youth Opportunity Board Lou Schick Scholarship Awards** this summer. The recipients are all residents of North Miami that have maintained a 3.0 GPA and have demonstrated leadership and academic excellence. They each received \$500 and a plaque recognition at the City Council meeting on July 12th. This year's award recipients, as shown above left to right, are: Paul Price (Northwest Christian), Rafael Pedron (North Miami Beach), Andrew Miller (Northwest Christian), Manessa Lazare (North Miami), Francisco Martinez (Northwest Christian), Godyana Fortilus (North Miami), Ricardo Dume (North Miami).

@ the Library

Now that school is back in session, children and teens throughout North Miami can take advantage of free tutoring programs offered at the North Miami Public Library, sponsored by the Haitian American Youth Task Force Organization (HAYTFO) and Americorps. HAYTFO tutors are available every Wednesday from 3 - 6 p.m. The Americorps schedule is available by calling the library at 305-891-5535. Tutoring programs are also provided by the Parks and Recreation Department at various sites – call 305-893-6511, ext. 2260 for details.

Youngsters can reinforce their math and science skills at the Celebrate Math & Science Workshops on the following Saturdays, 1 - 4 p.m.: 9/3, 10/1, 10/15, 11/19, 12/3 & 12/10/05. These workshops offer students hands on opportunities to explore science at their own pace.

For information on these and other programs offered at the North Miami Public Library, (835 NE 132 ST), call 305-891-5535.



Tune in to North Miami's Progress TV77 for information on current programs and upcoming meetings offered in North Miami. The following is the schedule for PTV77 for the month of August:

Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce Show

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.
Puppet Show (North Miami Public Library)
- Sunday & Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness Town Hall Meeting (Held in May 2005)

- Monday & Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday & Sunday @ 4:00 p.m.

Inside North Miami: Parks & Recreation

- Monday & Wednesday @ 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday & Friday, Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

Out in About in North Miami: Disaster Preparedness/ American Red Cross

- Tuesday & Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.
- Monday & Friday, Saturday @ 3:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting (8/9 Meeting Rebroadcast)

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

August is National Inventors Month

North Miami Public Library is inviting students up to age 17 to come out and share their inventions with the community. It can be any inventions that help us in our everyday activities to inventions for entertainment. You don't have to build them, just share your ideas and we'll have some experts that will come in and discuss your inventions along with providing ideas and suggestions. Submit a brief description of your inventions by August 24 to Youth Services Librarian Bill Painter. Discussions take place August 31, 2005 at 7:00 pm.